GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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Black Spots on Roads
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take steps to minimise the accidents on National Highways to zero level and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government also proposes to create awareness among the citizens about identification of black spots on roads and the safety measures like training and health check up of drivers and educating the general public including the children about the road safety issues, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to use internet including face book to create awareness among authorities about accidents so as to save several lives; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
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(a) The Government along with other member countries of the United Nations Organization has set a target of reducing road accidents fatalities by 50% by 2020. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has taken following measures to reduce the accidents:-
i. The Government has approved a National Road Safety Policy. This Policy outlines various policy measures such as promoting awareness, establishing road safety information data base, encouraging safer road infrastructure including application of intelligent transport, enforcement of safety laws etc.
ii. The Government has constituted the National Road Safety Council as the apex body to take policy decisions in matters of road safety.
iii. The Ministry has requested all States/UTs for setting up of State Road Safety Council and District Road Safety Committees, and to hold their meetings regularly.
iv. The Ministry has formulated a multi-pronged strategy to address the issue of road safety based on 4 'E's viz. Education, Engineering (both of roads and vehicles), Enforcement and Emergency Care.
v. Road safety has been made an integral part of road design at planning stage.
vi. Road Safety Audit of selected stretches of National Highways has been taken up.
vii. High priority has been accorded to identification and rectification of black spots (accident prone spots) on national highways. Around 700 such black spots have been identified for improvement.

viii. The threshold for four laning of national highway has been reduced from 15,000 Passenger Car Units (PCUs) to 10,000 PCUs. About 52,000 Km of stretches of State Highways has been identified for conversion to national highways.
ix. Setting up of model driving training institutes in States and refresher training to drivers of Heavy Motor Vehicle in the unorganized sector.
x. Advocacy/Publicity campaign on road safety through the electronic and print media.
xi. Tightening of safety standards for vehicles like Seat Belts, Power-steering, anti-lock braking system etc.
xii. Providing cranes and ambulances to various State Governments under the National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme for development on National Highways. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of its completed stretches of National Highways under its Operation & Maintenance contracts.
xiii. Launch of pilot projects for providing cashless treatment of road accident victims on Gurgaon − Jaipur, Vadodara − Mumbai stretch of National Highways No. 8 and Ranchi − Rargaon - Mahulia stretch of National Highway No. 33.

(b) to (d) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has already notified protocol for identification and rectification of road accident black spots on National Highways. Ministry has a scheme viz. two days refresher training programme for drivers of Heavy Motor Vehicles (HMV) of unorganized sector under which training are imparted to HMV drivers of unorganized sector to inculcate the habit of road safety. This programme also includes the health check up of drivers.
With a view to raise road safety awareness among the general public, the Government have been undertaking various publicity measures such as telecasting road safety video spots on television, road safety jingles on radio, organizing Road Safety Week, Seminars, Exhibitions, printing of calendar, children activity books for school children, posters, etc., containing road safety messages for various segments of road users. The website of the Ministry and face book are also being used to spread awareness and road

safety issues.
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